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Proposed City Budget includes public safety equipment, infrastructure improvements and recreation programs; no tax increase

Summary

The Greenville City Council has begun review of the City Manager's proposed FY 2002/2003 operating budget. Like the current year budget, the proposed budget for FY 2002-03 is balanced, with *no change* in the City's millage rate or basic fees. The total budget for all funds is \$89,962,724. The General Fund budget is \$52,295,247, a 2.38% increase over the FY 2001-02 operating budget.

The budget addresses some of the critical issues with emphasis on infrastructure improvement; public safety; recreation programs and facility maintenance; and refinement of existing services. The City's ability to match current revenues with current expenditures in FY 2002-03 allows us to maintain our favorable fund balance level.

Key Points of the General Fund

- In the **Police Department**, total staffing is increased from 219 - 221 positions.
- The **Fire Suppression** budget includes \$119,000 for protective equipment to meet ISO and NFPS standards, and \$63,650 for the acquisition of new or replacement fire-fighting equipment.
- In the **Fire Prevention Division**, \$100,000 is funded for the demolition of approximately 40 unsafe housing structures.
- The **Traffic Engineering** budget includes \$767,000 in electricity for street lighting (\$660,000) and traffic/pedestrian lights (\$107,000).
- In the **Streets Bureau**, \$500,000 is funded to resurface approximately 4 miles of street at an average \$125,000 per mile, and \$150,000 is funded for contractual rehabilitation of approximately 6,000 linear ft. of sidewalk at an average of \$25 per ft. These funds are in

addition to work done in-house by existing crews. The sum of \$20,000 is funded for the installation of sidewalk ramps to comply with the American Disabilities Act.

- The **Community Centers** budget includes \$101,200 for various contractual services, including \$10,000 for a midnight basketball league, \$26,000 for Southernside Center, \$10,000 for the annual beauty pageant, and \$23,000 for Super Summer program.
- The **Parks Maintenance** budget includes an increase from \$25,000 to \$71,640 to accommodate the resurfacing of several tennis courts and the basketball courts at Cleveland Park.

A complete copy of the Letter of Transmittal and additional budget highlights are available online at www.greatergreenville.com/whatsnew/index.

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